In the Claims

1. (Previously amended): A connectivity device, comprising:

a processor executing an operating system;

a data module adapted to store visual presentation data;

a first interface responsively coupled to the processor and adapted to communicate with a physically remote handheld portable communications device; and

a second interface responsive to the processor and adapted to drive the visual presentation data to a physically remote display as a function of commands received from the physically remote handheld portable communications device.

2. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the operating system is configured as a USB host system providing a communication channel to the handheld portable communications device.

3. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 2 wherein the operating system is configured to connect to a highest numbered endpoint via the first interface.

4. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the handheld communications device comprises a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA).

5. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the handheld communications device comprises a smartphone.

6. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the first interface is adapted to serially communicate with the handheld communications device.

7. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the first interface is adapted to wirelessly communicate with the handheld communications device.

8. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the handheld communications device has a processor, and memory storing data indicative of visual images, wherein the second interface is adapted to communicate the data to the display device for visually rendering the data.

9. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 8 wherein the processor is enabled to receive data indicative of visual images via the third interface.

10. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 9 wherein the data is indicative of slides and forms a visual presentation.

11. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 further comprising a third interface adapted to communicate with an external data network.

12. (Previously amended): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 further comprising a third interface adapted to receive control data and responsively communicate the control data to the handheld communications device.

13. (Previously amended): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 12 wherein the third interface is adapted to receive and communicate the control data from a keyboard.

14. (Previously amended): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 13 wherein the third interface is adapted to receive and communicate the control data from a mouse.

15. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 14 wherein the communication device is adapted to detect and forward the keyboard and mouse control data to the handheld communications device such that it is executable thereby.

16. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 15 wherein the keyboard control data is translated into keystrokes such that it is executable by the handheld communications device.

17. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 15 wherein the mouse control data is translated into stylus taps and cursor movements such that it is executable by the handheld communications device.

18. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 16 wherein the keystrokes are inserted into a data queue.

19. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 17 wherein the stylus taps and cursor movements are inserted into a data queue.

20. (Previously amended): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 14 wherein the connectivity device has a fourth interface adapted to receive wireless control data from a physically remote control device such that the connectivity device is controllable as a function of the wireless control data.

21. (canceled)

22. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 9 wherein the first interface is adapted to communicate with the handheld communications device using a 802.11 protocol.

23. (Previously presented): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 9 wherein the first interface comprises an infrared transceiver.

24. (canceled)

25. (Previously amended): The connectivity device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the data module comprises a RAM memory operatively coupled to the processor.

26 – 41. (canceled)